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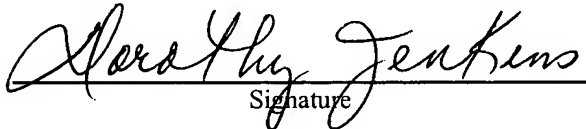
This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted to change the multiple dependent claims to single dependent claims in order to eliminate the improper multiple dependent claims and to reduce the government filing fee.

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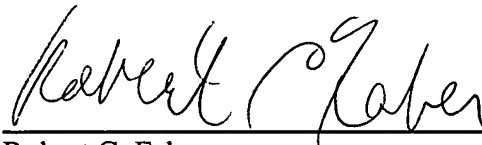
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APPENDIX B
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) AND (c)(ii)

CLAIMS:

5. An algorithm comprising the filters of claim 3 [and claim 4] yielding a binary image of areas of flame like behaviour in a sequence of images.

8. An optimal set of parameters for the algorithms of [claims 3, 4, 5 and 6] claim 3.